



Juniors in Action

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President – Robin Gendron, Vice President –Emily Weiland, Recording Secretary - Joyce Clark, Corresponding Secretary – Ana Kearnan, Treasurer –Sarah Brink, Auditor –Cindy Brogan, Director – Nancy Martin

February Meeting: Copies of the **proposed budget** was shared at the meeting, sent to members and put on our club website. It will be voted on during the March Business Meeting. Marilyn Perry, Martha Michalewicz and the President's **Awards** were voted on and Ana Kearnan and Robin Gendron were awarded the nominations. The forms will be completed by club members and sent in to GFWC of Massachusetts Junior Membership. A few members were allowed to voice their opinion about the club **name changed** with no additional changes made. Cindy Brogan has done the leg work to have a **publicity banner** 3 by 6 feet made and placed at the East Taunton Little League Field which includes a \$500 donation. She has also offered our services to help with their fundraisers. Nancy Brown had **shirts** to choose from to have our name and club emblem printed, paid for by the club to wear to events. A final decision on sizes will be taken during the March meeting. So if you're not going to be at the meeting you might want to let a friend know what size you will need. Club members were encouraged to



wear red in support of **Healthy Heart Month**. Member Ana Kearnan, a nurse gave suggestions on how to keep a healthy heart, by eating properly, walking and noting signs

to look for in an unhealthy heart. Members in support of public education in the Greater Taunton area gathered 53 **Dr. Seuss** themed puzzles, 4 bags of erasers, 4 bookmarks, 15 packages of pencils, 15 boxes of colored pencils, 16 boxes of crayons, 18



boxes of flashcards, 11 puzzle books, 6 packages of stickers, 500 pictures to be colored and 20 stencils and brought them to

Business Meetings over the last three months. During the meeting members organized the items into 18 Dr. Seuss packages wrapped in red





ribbons. Members then delivered them to public preschool and



kindergartens throughout the greater Taunton area for Dr. Seuss Birthday, March 2nd. They were delivered by a dozen different members to Dighton Elementary, Berkley Elementary, Freetown Elementary, Norton Elementary, and in Taunton: Leddy Preschool, the Preschool at the YMCA, Triumph, Inc. Head Start, Child Care Preschool, Bristol Plymouth Technical School Early Education Program and Kinder-Care Learning Center. **Sixty little tin cans** were donated by member Edie



Wheeler will share how the environmental recycled contributions are being used by her students in the STEM Program. A vote was taken and approved to purchase a **\$125 brick** for Washington DC in memory of a founding member Thelma McCaffrey. Bring ideas to the March meeting on what you would like put on the brick. This Month sugar, oatmeal and syrup was collected and brought to the **Food Pantry** by Emily Weiland and Ana Kearnan made a delivery of maxi pads and socks collected to **True**

Diversity in Taunton. February **rent relief** was won by Joyce Clark. This month's collection raised \$70 toward our storage facility, so once again, thank you everyone for your participation in the raffle. The gift was provided by Fran Perry.



Edlund and a friend of club member Emily Weiland hand painted them. During the meeting members filled them

with candy and a few members delivered them to local Nursing Homes to thank employees for all they do for their patients. Director Nancy Martin asked each **Committee Chairman** to give an idea of their goal for the year and opened it up for member suggestions of additional ideas. This resulted in the following: March - women's history game from WHRC, April a spring project by the arts committee, May a health talk from Health & Wellness, June our social as a paint & pour event, August our Thanksgiving event to thank everyone who has helped and contributed to our club over the last few years also to include our scholarships and donation recipients, September a public figure to talk on Legislative Action, October a Council on Aging talk on Domestic Violence Awareness of aging adults, November ornament crafts for Advocates for Children. Each month Denise

COMMITTEES:

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN—Robin Gendron – Presidents' Project - Continue to collect trial size personal care products for JRI Foster Care and Adoption Agency.

ARTS AND CULTURE—Edith Edlund – The photography contests are due by March 1. The GFWC Photography Contest guidelines can be found on the 2022-2024 GFWC Club Manual.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH –Cindy Brogan – Will be looking for help at the East Taunton Little League fundraisers.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS— Judy Floor – If you have pictures and or articles you would like sent to the newspapers, please forward to Judy. If you run an event please forward an article to Judy.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT – AWARENESS AND PREVENTION: - Protecting our Elders: no matter what age, everyone is entitled to be treated with kindness, respect and compassion. Unfortunately, elder abuse is a widespread problem and hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of sixty are abused, neglected, or

financially exploited each year – many in their own homes. **What can you do?** You can always call the police, or in the event of a crisis, call 911. If you have reason to believe an adult age 60 or older is a victim of elder abuse, and want to make a report that is kept confidential, call the Massachusetts-based Elder Abuse Hotline at 1-800-922-2275. For local reports - involving elders living in Acushnet, Attleboro, Berkley, Dartmouth, Dighton, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, Gosnold, Mansfield, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, North Attleboro, Norton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Rochester, Seekonk, Somerset, Swansea, Taunton, and Westport - the investigation will be done by Bristol Elder Services. Once you make a report, a caseworker is assigned to investigate. If abuse or neglect is confirmed, the caseworker will offer the elder a choice of services designed to help, and will refer the situation to law enforcement if warranted. To report abuse by staff workers at a hospital or nursing home, call the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at (800) 462-5540. We will also post this on our Facebook page, and ask members to share the info. Let's spread awareness that there are many avenues to help our friends and neighbors we fear are being mistreated.

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES – Nancy Martin –Emily Weiland has arranged a visit to Prison Book on Tuesday March 7th for 6:30 meeting at 5:30pm at the Shaws parking lot in Taunton. If you would like to attend please let Emily know. The GFWC Greater Taunton Woman's Club scholarship form is now available. If you have a child, grandchild or great

grandchild attending college in the fall in any year of enrollment please encourage them to apply. We hope to give out 7- \$500 scholarships.

ENVIRONMENT – Denise Wheeler – She is in need of grocery plastic and cloth bags for stem projects. Shoe boxes, old batteries, old crayons, cereal and granola bar boxes flattened, shoes, clothes, broken jewelry, watches, yarn, fabric, ribbon, cardboard form notepads, eye/reading glasses, baskets, front of greeting cards, soda/beer can tabs, old markers, egg cartons. Denise has paper lists of items for recycling that our club collects: just ask her for a copy, it is also on our club website.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT – Diane Huling – 2 Bingo Days one in March and the other in November. Tea in May and Savors in the spring.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – Anna Kearnan –Eat healthy prevent heart attacks and strokes.

LEADERSHIP – Nancy Martin –Think about joining one of the committees by emailing the chairman with your interest.

LEGISLATION/ PUBLIC POLICY – Nancy Clark – Go to the GFWC Legislative Action Center to support "Childhood Global Vaccination Efforts" and "End Sexual Assault on College Campuses."

MEMBERSHIP – Joyce Clark – the yearbook is being printed and you shall receive it soon, a copy of it is on our website. Nancy Clark keeps it updated.

WOMENS HISTORY AND RESOURCE CENTER– Nancy Brown- A game this month at the Buisness Meeting put together by Nancy Brown and Emily Weiland.

Member Birthdays

Vel Bleau

Joan Curran

Ana Kearnan

Judy Floor

Linda Brosseau

What's Happening Within our Club?

Prison Book March 7th

Next Business Meeting is March 6th at BP at 7:00pm

Next Executive Board Meeting is March 27th at 6:00pm at BP

Bingo Fundraiser March 26th noon to 3pm: cost \$25 at the American Legion, food available starting at 11:00am

Combined Annual Convention April 29th-30th or May 6th to 7th at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough
Spring Tea May 21st

Here's a list of things to bring on Monday
Requests are not mandatory; only contribute if you are able
Liquor, scratch tickets and Easter items for Bingo prizes
Feminine products
1lb sugars or instant oatmeal

Recycle items for Denise: especially recycle soft plastic or cloth bags often used for groceries
New / slightly used paperback books for the Prison Book Program
Denise is collecting coats, jackets, sweatshirts and sweatpants for children and adults

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The GFWC Taunton Raynham Juniors Membership Club soup and pie fundraiser was held on Dec. 10 at Wintthrop Street Baptist Church. PHOTOS COURTESY OF GFWC Taunton Raynham Juniors Membership Club

GFWC Taunton Raynham Juniors Membership Club holds soup and pie fundraiser

TAUNTON — The GFWC Taunton Raynham Juniors Membership Club soup and pie fundraiser was held on Dec. 10 at Wintthrop Street Baptist Church, 39 Wintthrop St.

"It was a huge success!" GFWC said in a press release. "Three members pulled their talents together and the result was an afternoon of good food, festive surroundings and fun had by all!"

The GFWC said more than 50 people attended and enjoyed homemade soups, sandwiches and pies.

There were also raffle baskets and gift cards to nearby restaurants. A festive tree donated by "Designs by Sheila" was also raffled off.



SRPEDD hosting public workshop to get feedback for Route 140 development

TAUNTON — The Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District is launching a study of Route 140 from Taunton Green to Industrial Drive in Taunton.

The study will ultimately produce a set of transportation, land use, and economic development recommendations for this corridor. The study area covers approximately three miles and includes a substantial number of residences, businesses, and institutional sites.

It will support the City of Taunton's transportation and community development goals and the Commonwealth's META Communities Multifamily Zoning requirements, as the city welcomes a new commuter rail train station later this year.

SRPEDD is holding a drop-in style public workshop to gather feedback about the community's experiences with this segment of Route 140 and their comments about how the corridor can be improved. Anytime of experience, traveling, residing, and/or working in this corridor is encouraged to attend the workshop to share information and requirements, questions, and express opinions about their vision for the Route 140 corridor.

The workshop date and time is: Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Taunton City Hall Council Chambers, located at 15 Summer St.

This meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. Taunton City Hall is served by GATRA public transit routes 6 and 8.

Widespread public participation will help ensure the study considers the community's diverse needs and preferences.

Community members can choose from various opportunities to learn about and participate in the study, including subscribing to mailing lists, following SRPEDD on Facebook, attending community meetings, consulting to interactive maps, and sending in public comment forms.

For SRPEDD's website to learn more and stay tuned for a survey about Route 140 transportation and community development goals.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Central Congregational food pantry is open

The Central Congregational Church Caring Center Food Pantry is open on Mondays, except holidays, from 9 to 12:30 p.m.

Food, toiletries and many other necessary items are available.

The Central Congregational Church is located at 25 Webster St. in Middleboro.

For more information, call Caring Center Director Ruth Knapp at Pastor Bruce Smith at 508-947-9256, or Pastor Doug Forbes at 508-922-9724.

February events at The Old Colony History Museum

Join the Old Colony History Museum for family-friendly events, both in person and virtually this month. Highlight tours with the Curator take place daily at noon.

For registration details, ticket ordering, and to see all the events OCHM has to offer, visit their online calendar at <http://www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/events-at-the-old-colony-history-museum>.

EMERGENCY: "We Are What We Eat" is a look at local history through the recipes in OCHM's collection.

OGCHM closure:

- For Washington's Birthday. Saturday, Feb. 18

Special events:

February School Vacation Week
Thursday, Feb. 21. Free admission. Courtesy of the Highland Street Foundation

- **Wednesday, Feb. 22:** Take your photo with George Washington to celebrate his birthday.
- **Thursday, Feb. 23:** Craft a hat like Tom (Clemens).
- **Friday, Feb. 24:** Story Time: read a history book together every half hour.
- **Saturday, Feb. 25:** Community Day — Free admission to visitors all day in honor of Black History Month.

Black History Month at the OCHM
A presentation "Celebrating the Persistence of Patriots of Color" on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The OCHM will host speakers to present their ongoing work elevating the stories of veterans of color from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Learn about the history of the 58th Regiment, fascinating discourses, and preservation efforts with authors and historians. The opening ceremony will feature a flag exchange between the OCHM and the Vermont Memorial Army Museum with elected officials.

Table:

- An informative wine and chocolate tasting. Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m. In person, tickets required.

Beer with Friends

Friday, Feb. 24, at 5:35 p.m. In person, \$5 admission; free for OCHM members.

- Grab a pour and take a tour with Curator of Collections Bronson Michaud. Hear about the untold stories from OCHM's collection and take a peek at objects on display just for you. Plus, you'll receive a Beer with Friends koozie to keep you here (or not here) cold and happy warm. This month, a look at recent acquisitions to the museum's collection.

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HBO's 'The Last of Us' highlights New Bedford gas plant

Seth Chitwood

Standard Times USA TODAY NETWORK

NEW BEDFORD — The Whaling City has gotten a nod in another television series as a location in the new HBO hit "The Last of Us."

Featuring a sign that reads "New Bedford Gas" the series that includes follows survivalist Bill (Nick Offerman) as he leads his people to the power plant to restore power to his home.

"We kind of pretty much to see it," said Stephen Kanneo, owner of New Bedford Gas Service Company on Fall River that services the SouthCoast.

"It's pretty cool on the name and the logo out there, a little bit of advertising or at least gets people talking and any publicity is good publicity. It just would have been nice if they put the correct phone number out there with it."

Kanneo said he did not know anything until some shared a screenshot with him from the show.

"I'll probably be something that just comes and goes if it generated some conversation about the company which is always good to be added."

Based on the PlayStation 3 video game, the series picks up 20 years after an infectious outbreak with the main character's mission to leave the Boston Quarantine Zone to seek a safer spot.

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